

Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6th, 1858.

The Board of Supervisors of Van Buren County, convened at 11 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to adjournment. The Board was called to order by E. Barnum, Chairman, and the following Supervisors found to be present. Almene, Silas Breed; Antwerp, John Hunt; Arlington, E. O. Briggs; Bangor, W. H. Hurlbut; Bloomingdale, H. Cooley; Deerfield, W. A. Dell; Decatur, Geneva; Hartford, F. Mills; Hamilton, Keeler, C. Duncombe; Lafayette, E. Barnum; Lawrence, N. Rowe; Porter, A. Bryant; Pine Grove, N. Nash; South Haven, A. S. Dyckman; Waverly, R. J. Myers.

The committee previously appointed to settle with the County Treasurer, reported through their Chairman, E. O. Briggs. The report was accepted, the Committee discharged from further consideration, and the Clerk instructed to enter the same on the Journal. The report is as follows:

J. M. RIDLON, Treasurer of Van Buren County, Mich., in account with said county for the year 1857.

To amount of cash in Treasury, Jan. 1st, 1857.	8876.19
Dec. 31, To amount received for Taxes and interest during year.	3543.38
Dec. 31, To amount received for Office charges on Tax Receipts.	105.53
Dec. 31, To amount for expenses of sales on land advertised.	97.13
Dec. 31, To amount received for Redemptions of land sold for Taxes.	849.99
Dec. 31, To amount of Primary School money rec'd of State Treasurer.	1987.99
Dec. 31, To amount received of State Treas. on acct of Taxes.	1482.50
Dec. 31, To amount received of Town Treas. on acct of taxes.	1868.19
Dec. 31, To amount received as Fines collected by Justices.	80.75
Dec. 31, To amount received on debts due the Co. Poor Fund.	16.14
Dec. 31, To amount received on orders received of I. W. Willard, (Gremp's Collaterals.)	189.40
Dec. 31, To Total amt received.	\$11,096.69
Dec. 31, By amount paid out on Co. orders during the year.	\$8660.40
Dec. 31, By amount paid on Co. orders for Wolf Bounties.	256.00
Dec. 31, By amount paid on Co. Poor orders during the year.	1015.66
Dec. 31, By amount paid Towns on acct of taxes returned.	2065.90
Dec. 31, By amount paid towns on account of Primary School money.	2081.84
Dec. 31, By amount paid towns on account of Library money.	29.66
Dec. 31, By amount paid Town Treas. for making returns.	155.96
Dec. 31, By amount paid for Insurance on Co. Buildings.	65.00
Dec. 31, By amount paid Van Buren Co. Agricul'l Society.	119.80
Dec. 31, By amount paid for Juror and witness fees at Circuit Court.	223.55
Dec. 31, By amount of Refunded Taxes; twice paid.	8.76
Dec. 31, By amount in Treas. to balance.	52.416
Total amount.	\$11,096.69

J. M. RIDLON, County Treasurer.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Van Buren County.

The undersigned Committee appointed by your Honorable body at your annual session held in Oct. 1857, to settle with the County Treasurer, have the honor to report that they have performed that duty to submit the within and foregoing as a statement of such settlement for A. D. 1857.

Paw Paw, Jan. 6th, 1858.

E. BARNUM, } Committee.
E. O. BRIGGS, }

On motion the Clerk was instructed to make a duplicate of all Wolf Bounty Certificates that have not previously been made and sent to the Auditor General, and deposit the same with the County Treasurer.

The Board adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock P. M.

The Board convened pursuant to adjournment, the roll called and a quorum present.

Nelson Rowe presented his certificate of appointment as Supervisor of Lawrence, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Enuch Southwell, from that township. Mr. Rowe was admitted to a seat as Supervisor from Lawrence.

The matter of the purchase of a set of

Probate Records for the Probate office, as presented by the Judge, was referred to a Special Committee appointed to by the Chair. The Committee were as follows, to wit: A. S. Brown, A. Bryant and H. Cooley.

Mr. Rowe was appointed to fill all vacancies in Standing Committees occasioned by his predecessor.

The Chair also appointed Charles Duncombe to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Claims occasioned by the absence of Robert Nesbit.

The Board adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, Jan. 7th, 1858.

The Board convened pursuant to adjournment, roll called, and a quorum present.

The Special Committee on the subject of purchasing Probate Records, report as follows, which was excepted and adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject matter of Judge Nash's request for the procurement of a set Finley's improved Probate Record for his office, would respectfully report that in the judgement of the committee it is inexpedient for the present Board to authorize the purchase of said books.

Notwithstanding your committee are convinced from the condition of the affairs of the office and from other considerations equally urgent, that such a set of books for that office is really desirable and will soon become necessary.

A. BRYANT, } Committee.
A. S. BROWN, }
H. COOLEY, }

The Superintendents of the Poor presented the subject matter of a Poor House in this county, and the importance of it. And recommended to the Board the appointment of a Committee to take some preparatory steps for the ultimate accomplishment of that object. They recommended at present the renting of a suitable farm until something further could be done towards establishing a Poor House in this county.

Mr. Hurlbut presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Superintendents of the Poor of this county, are hereby authorized, and empowered to rent such premises, not exceeding eighty acres, as in their judgment may seem necessary and suitable for the keeping and maintaining of the poor of this county; and to employ a keeper, and such assistants as may be necessary to take the charge and supervision of the same for the term of one year.

On motion of Mr. Miles a Committee of three was appointed by the Chair, to examine and receive proposals for the purchase of a farm, for the erection of a Poor House, and make their report at the annual meeting of the Board of Supervisors, next October.

The Chair appointed on said Committee, Fabius Miles, A. S. Brown and John Hunt.

Mr. Miles offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the time for the collection of taxes in this County, for the year 1857, be and the same is hereby extended to the first Monday of March, 1858, and that the several Township Treasurers of this county, who wish to avail themselves of the benefit of said extension, are hereby authorized and empowered to proceed, and collect said taxes, as fully as they could do in the life time of their warrants, and make their returns at any time, on or before the said first Monday in March next, and said warrants are hereby renewed and continued in full force and virtue for the purposes aforesaid, until the said first Monday of March next.

It shall be the duty of any Township Treasurer of this County, before he shall be entitled to the benefit of the foregoing resolutions, to pay over all moneys collected during the life time of his warrant, as is now provided by law, and renew his official bond to the satisfaction of the Co. Treasurer.

The Yeas and Nays were called.

Yeas—Miles, Duncombe and Rowe. 3.
Nays—Breed, Hunt, Briggs, Hurlbut, Cooley, Brown, Dell, Duncombe, Bryant, Nash, Dyckman and Myers. 12.

The Board convened pursuant to adjournment. Quorum present.

The committee on claims reported sundry claims, which were accepted and allowed.

The wolf claim of John Woegan and John E. Morgan being deficient in form, were allowed on condition they were returned to the County Clerk amended according to law, within thirty days.

Mr. Dell offered a resolution recommending John R. Baker for Pros. Atty, which was laid on the table.

The Board adjourned to meet at 6 P. M.

Evening Session.

The Board convened pursuant to ad-

journal, roll called and a quorum present.

It was moved by Mr. Brown that five dollars be allowed Mr. Martin by the Board, in consideration of the fine that was unjustly imposed upon him for breaking the Sabbath, on which the yeas and nays were called.

Yeas—Brown, Miles and Nash.—3.
Nays—Breed, Hunt, Briggs, Hurlbut, Cooley, Dell, Duncombe, Barnum, Rowe, Bryant, Dyckman and Myers.—12.

Mr. Dell moved a reconsideration of the vote taken on the extension of time for the collection of taxes in the Townships of Lafayette, Lawrence and Hartford.

The yeas and nays called for.

Yeas—Hunt, Briggs, Dell, Miles, Duncombe, Barnum, Rowe and Dyckman.—8.
Nays—Breed, Hurlbut, Cooley, Brown, Bryant, Nash and Myers.—7.

It was then moved that said extension above alluded to, be granted, on which the yeas and nays were called.

Yeas—Briggs, Dell, Miles, Duncombe, Barnum, Rowe and Dyckman.—7.
Nays—Breed, Hunt, Hurlbut, Cooley, Brown, Bryant, Nash and Myers.—8.

The resolution in recommendation of a Prosecuting Attorney, was taken from the table and the introducer permitted to withdraw the same.

On motion, the Chair was instructed to confer with different Attorneys and recommend to the Circuit Judge some suitable person to be appointed as Prosecuting Attorney for Van Buren County.

On motion, the members of the Board were allowed 75 cents each for the evening session, after which they allowed their accounts as follows:

	DAYS.	EVE.	MILES	AM'T.
S. Breed,	2	1	8	\$4.71
J. Hunt,	2	1	7	4.59
E. O. Briggs,	4	1	15	8.55
W. H. Hurlbut,	2	1	18	5.91
H. Cooley,	2	1	18	5.91
A. S. Brown,	2	1	18	5.91
W. A. Dell,	2	1	28	7.11
F. Miles,	2	1	14	5.43
C. Duncombe,	2	1	18	5.91
E. Barnum,	4	1	2	7.74
N. Rowe,	2	1	9	4.83
A. Bryant,	2	1	7	4.59
N. Nash,	2	1	10	4.95
A. S. Dyckman,	2	1	32	7.59
R. J. Myers,	2	1	8	4.71

The accounts of the several Supervisors for spreading the taxes of 1857, were allowed as follows, to wit:

	AMOUNT.
Almene, S. Breed,	\$15.00
Antwerp, J. Hunt,	25.00
Arlington, E. O. Briggs,	12.00
Bangor, W. H. Hurlbut,	12.00
Bloomingdale, H. Cooley,	12.00
Columbia, A. S. Brown,	12.00
Decatur, Geo. Bennett,	15.00
Deerfield, W. A. Dell,	7.50
Geneva, N. Tubbs,	7.50
Hamilton, Robert Nesbitt,	14.00
Hartford, F. Miles,	18.00
Keeler, C. Duncombe,	15.00
Lafayette, E. Barnum,	35.00
Lawrence, E. Southwell,	20.00
Porter, A. Bryant,	14.00
Pine Grove, N. Nash,	10.00
South Haven, A. S. Dyckman,	13.00
Waverly, R. J. Myers,	13.00

Sundry claims that were audited and allowed during the session are as follows:

	AMT.	AMT.
	CLAIM'D	ALLOW'D
E. G. Butler & Co., articles for jail,	\$16.17	\$16.17
Thos. Galligan, 10 cords wood,	15.00	15.00
A. C. Beard, 20 cords of wood,	30.00	30.00
B. D. Thompson, sawing 6 cords wood,	4.50	4.50
Wm. Young, sawing 10 cords wood,	5.28	5.28
S. F. Creed, postage and stationary,	4.73	4.73
E. M. Gidden, Jailor fees and board of prisoners,	54.02	54.02
E. M. Gidden, sheriff fees	2.25	2.25
J. M. Ridlon, postage, express charges, stationary	14.75	14.75
Hiram Green, justice fees, criminal cases,	11.65	11.65
Calvin Cross, fees on Coroners inquest,	4.25	4.25
T. A. Granger, Jury fees on cor. inquest,	1.00	1.00
S. C. Grimes, do	1.00	1.00
D. E. Dean, do	1.00	1.00
Chas. C. Ocobeck, do	1.00	1.00
O. P. Gorton, do	1.00	1.00
Edwin S. Smith, do	1.00	1.00
T. W. Melcher, do	.31	.31
H. C. Clapp, do	.31	.31
Josiah Andrews, do	.31	.31
J. W. Emery, do	.31	.31
L. C. Woodman, do	.31	.31
J. L. Ma vin, do	.31	.31
E. J. House, do	.31	.31
Elizabeth Hay, do	.31	.31
H. B. Sinclair, do	.31	.31
A. T. Norton, do	.31	.31
Wm. Durkee, do	.31	.31
S. T. Conway, taking		

down testimony, at coroners inquest,	6.63	6.63
A. R. Ward constable fees crim. cases,	7.54	7.54
J. F. Parmeter, do	2.02	2.02
A. W. Bishop, justice fees	2.56	2.56
J. E. Showerman, do	18.21	18.21
const fees		
Township of Porter, expense for burying poor person,	6.37	6.37
Richmond & Backus, Blank Book for Co., Treasurer,	8.00	8.00
Ezra Bryan, one wolf, Saml Longstreet, Justice fees in crim. cases	16.00	16.00
A. G. Nigent, justice and const. fees,	1.98	1.98
J. R. Baker, Atty fees for prosecution,	5.50	4.84
N. H. Bitely, do	40.00	20.00
J. W. Emery, making post mortem examination,	15.00	15.00
H. C. Clapp, do	5.00	5.00
J. Andrews, do	5.00	5.00
L. C. Woodman, do	5.00	5.00
William Hill, Sheriff fees,	.88	.88
do for use of team,	12.00	
S. P. Breed, 4th years salary as Co. Clerk,	62.50	62.50
Chas U. Cross, justice fees,	5.03	5.03
W. S. Camp, const fees,	2.01	1.87
C. Coon, wit. fees,	.98	.98
Mich Geiler, do	.98	.98
John Abbott, do	.98	.98
Calvin Cross, Justice fees,	4.07	4.07
Jacob Boice, Const. fees,	6.61	6.61
R. M. Brown, Just. fees,	4.38	4.02
I. S. Packard do	2.08	
I. W. Van Fossen, Printing,	3.00	3.00
Wm. N. Pardee, Just. fees,	3.23	3.23
S. Reynolds, const fees,	.75	.75
R. G. Botsford, do	9.28	7.28
J. Chevalier, witness before Justice,	.50	.50
M. Melcher, do	.50	.50
A. Rogers, do	.50	.50
Bread & Van Fossen, Printing,	60.57	60.57
J. M. Ridlon, 4th years salary as Co. Treas.	137.50	137.50
Wm. Storey, wit fees paid,	17.63	17.63
T. A. Granger, Supt. Co. poor,	8.23	8.23
James Crane, Justice fees,	7.73	7.73
H. C. Taylor, do	1.13	1.00
A. Beaman, do	1.33	1.33
J. F. Withey, const fees,	2.79	2.79
Orange Hayes, do	17.23	17.23
Edwin Delong, wolf bounty,	16.00	
The certificate in this case not being in proper form to draw State bounty upon, and the time being past for correcting the same, the committee recommended the allowance of the amount with which the county alone is properly charged,	12.00	
A. Sherman & Co., for jail supplies,	6.00	6.00
J. R. Monroe, services as Supt Co. poor,	7.10	7.10
A. Palmer for amount paid Atty in prosecution for the people,	10.00	10.00
C. Duncombe, Atty fee,	5.00	5.00
S. T. Conway, do	5.00	5.00
H. R. Nichols, assist. constable,	4.00	2.00
W. N. Pardee, Supt poor	4.50	4.50

After a vote of thanks to the Chair for the able manner in which he had presided over their deliberations, and receiving the thanks of the Chair for the able manner they had discharged their duty, the Board adjourned sine die.

EDWIN BARNUM, Chairman.

S. F. BREED, Clerk.

For the True Northerner.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 30, 1857.

TO THE FARMER OF LAFAYETTE.

DEAR SIR:—I am well pleased with the courteous, candid, manly tone of your letter, but done wrong in withholding your name. You wonder I did not reveal it sooner. I told you the reason, why, last spring's paper called me an old fool; another said I had a vacant apartment in my upper story; Chicago Tribune said I was a fit subject for the asylum. You said I did not make my theory manifest, you did not tell me how. Would you mean me to publish it too one or two papers, or call a few together and tell them all about it. In that case how would the farmers, the mariners in Europe and America know it. Did Franklin or Newton send their theory to be published in a newspaper? Did Lieutenant Marey send his theory on Navigation to newspapers? not at all, he published books, you see.—I called on the Press to help me to bring

this matter to the notice of the National Government, will they do so?

Last spring I called on the Governor and other authority of this State to point out the way, they took no notice. I wrote to Washington, Dec. 1854, stating that I could give the state of the weather each season in advance and show how much the weather each month would differ from the past, the letter was signed by the Rev. Dr. Duffield, Judge Wilkins, Editor Advertiser, and other gentlemen. The letter was directed to Secretary McLeland, he said his department had nothing to do with such things, he sent it to Lieutenant Marey, of the National Observatory, he said I proposed to do that which he was in duty bound to consider as much of an impossibility as to judge of the mass of the universe before Newton's time, but recommended me to meet the American Association, at Albany next summer, '55, and submit my theory for their consideration. I wrote back to Lieut. Marey if he wish to order me in his presence, I would lay the matter before him, he answered and said he had no official jurisdiction, there the matter stands at present. Will the people of Michigan bring this matter to the notice of the Legislature? I would pledge my life, my fortune and reputation to support my theory if necessary. Honor to the first mover.

W. W. RYAN.

P. S. The change for January's Lunar and Calendar first and seventh will govern the weather for the month. If there is not a fair prospect of sleighing, nothing left till the 14th.

W. W. RYAN.

The True Northerner

BLACKMAN & BREED, Editors.

THURSDAY, JAN. 14, 1858

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Subscribers receiving their papers with the above mark placed opposite their names, will know that the time for which they subscribed has expired.

The Latest Phase of Popular Sovereignty.

The doctrine of Popular Sovereignty, as practically and theoretically illustrated by the Slaveocracy, assumes as many different aspects as Proteus had shapes. The last explanation of the doctrine which we have seen, we find in the last number of the Paw Paw Free Press; in an article headed "Popular Sovereignty" from which we quote the following remarks expressive of the Editor's views as to the manner in which the will of the people of Kansas is to be ascertained and determined in reference to their State Constitution. Speaking of the doctrine of Popular Sovereignty, the Editor remarks as follows:

"The whole democratic party are united in their views in support of this doctrine. The President would never sanction the forcing of a Constitution upon the people of Kansas against their will; and whether the Lecompton Constitution is in accordance with, or opposed to the will of the people of Kansas, is a question for Congress to decide, and the President has left it to their discretion."

Here we have it, in so many words, that the question whether the people of Kansas are or are not in favor of the Lecompton Constitution, is a question for Congress to decide. The editor of the Free Press is not generally remarkable for clearness in stating his doctrines, nor is he notable for being very explicit in defining his positions; but surely no one can complain that the above is not sufficiently clear and explicit.

We had supposed, and we have no doubt that the people of Kansas supposed, that "whether the Lecompton Constitution was in accordance with, or opposed to the will of the people of Kansas," was a question for the people of Kansas themselves to decide, by their voters upon that direct question; but it seems that editor Van Fossen and President Buchanan take a different view of the subject.

The President will not sanction the forcing of a Constitution upon them against their will. O no. But then "whether the constitution is in accordance with or opposed their will, is for Congress to decide;" and if the President, by the force of the patronage at his command, can induce Congress to decide it in favor of the Lecompton Constitution, as he is endeavoring to do, then, of course, the people have nothing more to say; for Congress will then have decided that that Constitution "is in accordance with the will of the people of Kansas;" and that being a question for Congress to decide, their decision must, of course, be conclusive.

This is the latest phase of the doctrine of Popular Sovereignty, and perfectly in accordance with the course pursued by the Administration, and the democratic members of Congress generally, although very different from the views expressed by Senators Douglas and Stuart.

Report of Committee on Farms and Field Crops, for 1857.

The Committee on Farms and Field crops, report that there were no Farms entered for exhibition.

FIELD CROPS.

No wheat entered except some specimens.

Best 1/2 bushel wheat, J. C. Markle, 50
2d " " " J. J. Woodman, 25
Best acre corn, George Lerkins, 3,00
2d " " " John Lyle, jr., 2,00
" 1/2 bush. ears, " " 50
2d " " " corn, Helen Babcock, 25

No oats or barley entered.

Best 1/2 bush. buckwheat, M. Leighty, 50
" " " " " " " " 2,00
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No second best entered.

Best 1/2 bushel beans, John Lyle, jr., 50

The number of bushels of corn grown by Mr. Lerkins, on one acre of ground, was 161 bushels of ears. The number of bushels of corn grown by Mr. Lyle, on one acre of ground was 146 1/2 bushels of ears measured in a basket.

The number of bushels of potatoes grown by Mr. Lerkins on 1/2 acre of ground, was 124.

Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Van Buren Co. Agricultural Society, will meet at Lawrence on the last Saturday of January inst., to take into consideration, the locating of the Fair of said county for the next five years, or, for such time as may be thought best.

All who are interested in the prosperity of the Society, are invited to meet and discuss the question.

O. H. P. SHELTON, Secretary.

Internal Improvements.

Our members, it is gratifying to observe, are already moving with energy, in the direction of appropriations for internal improvements in Michigan. Soon after the holidays were over, Hon. DEWITT C. LEACH introduced a bill making appropriation for the improvement of St. Mary's Falls ship canal in the State of Michigan; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.